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Human and Community Development Committee

Minutes Monday, October 15, 2012 10:00 a.m.

DuPage County Conference Room 233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800 Chicago, Illinois

Committee Members

Present:

Sheri Cohen (Chicago Department of Public Health) and Ngoan Le* (Chicago Community Trust), Co-Chairs; Jennifer Clary* (SIRC), Thomas Galassini* (UW-MC), Mary Keating* (DuPage County), Janna Stansell* (HMPRG), Jan Ward* (Kane/Kendall Council of Mayors), Jay Readey (CLCCRUL), Tammy Wierciak*

(West Central Municipal Conference), * indicates attended by phone/webinar

Staff Present: Bob Dean, Jonathan Burch, Kendra Smith, Stephen Ostrander,

Samantha Robinson (Liaison)

Others Present: Alison Gillis (CLCCRUL), Randall Johnson (CLCCRUL), Allison

Milld-Clements (MMC)

1.0 Call to Order/Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

There were no agenda changes or announcements.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – September 10, 2012

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

4.0 HOMES for a Changing Region Program Overview

Allison Milld of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and CMAP staff Kendra Smith and Jonathan Burch provided an overview of HOMES for a Changing Region. In 2010, this planning exercise became a part of CMAP's Local Technical Assistance Program (LTA), and has been augmented to look at clusters of communities from the same sub-region in an effort to spark collaboration among municipalities. HOMES analyzes the current housing market (age, tenure, income) and the capacity within a municipality to build additional housing to project future housing needs. HOMES focuses on local and regional needs, and results in individual municipal plans as well as a sub-regional analysis.

To date, HOMES has been applied to 14 communities, where 400 residents have participated. Materials are created in Spanish, Polish and other languages spoken in affiliated communities. Residents participate in an interactive mapping exercise and vote on housing preferences, including affordable and market rate options. HOMES also gives residents the opportunity to see what the community could look like based on the suggestions provided by input.

HOMES ultimately provides a framework for evaluating project proposals in an effort to take a proactive approach towards development. HOMES has been applied to three subregions: the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association (including Hazel Crest, Lansing, Olympia Fields and Park Forest), Northwest Housing Collaborative (Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Mount Prospect, Palatine and Rolling Meadows), and West Cook County Housing Collaborative (Bellwood, Berwyn, Forest Park, Maywood and Oak Park). HOMES will be applied to four more sub-regions in the next couple of years.

5.0 Cultural Planning Toolkit Update

Stephen Ostrander, CMAP staff, gave an update about the Cultural Planning Toolkit that CMAP is developing. The toolkit will make the connection between land use planning and arts and culture, and will help municipalities to define their goals for arts and culture. The purpose of the toolkit is to increase livability in the region and promote economic vitality. The toolkit will be used as a revitalization tool, and can help with updating zoning ordinances and comprehensive plans.

Planners from the consulting firm Camiros have been hired to assist CMAP in the development of the toolkit. Working with an advisory group of experts from the region's arts and culture community, CMAP and Camiros have developed a detailed outline of the toolkit's content, which Stephen summarized for the committee. Content for the toolkit will be developed over the next few months, and the toolkit is expected to be available in late winter 2013.

6.0 Preliminary Projects for Community Planning and JARC/NF Programs

Jay Ciavarella, Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), provided an update about the preliminary projects selected for the Community Planning and Job Access Reverse Commute/New Freedom programs. A total of \$10 million in federal funds are available for these programs. A committee made up of RTA, CMAP and the Illinois Department of Transportation reviewed possible projects against criteria developed in 2007. The committee proposed 12 projects, six of which are continuation projects and six are new. The public comment period was open until October 26. RTA Board reviewed projects in November. Following approval, RTA staff will work with applicants to create grant agreements.

7.0 Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Update

Bob Dean, CMAP staff, provided an update about projects selected as part of the second round of LTA. These projects include Homes for a Changing Region plans, a land use plan for the Pilsen and Little Village communities in Chicago, and ten comprehensive plans that will address health and aging in place strategies. More project info can be accessed on the CMAP website. Some of these new projects are expected to begin in spring 2013.

8.0 Updates 11:10 a.m.

Jay Readey announced that the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights launched the Race & Poverty website (http://www.raceandpoverty.org/home). This website will be useful in building coalitions via digital communication. Jay is also organizing to connect with Opportunity Nation and would like to invite other Chicago organizations who have a similar mission. (Opportunity Nation is a bipartisan, cross-sector national campaign made up of more than 250 non-profits, businesses, educational institutions, faith-based organizations, community organizations, and individuals all working together to expand economic opportunity and close the opportunity gap in America.)

Jay also reminded the committee that voting season has arrived, and CLCCRUL has begun an "Election Protection" effort to make sure people in low-income communities can exercise their right to vote.

9.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

10.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11.0 Next Meeting – December 10

The committee meets next on Monday, December 10, 2012 at 10 a.m. at CMAP offices. The November 5th meeting has been canceled.

12.0 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Samantha Robinson, Committee Liaison